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SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS:
COLLABORATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: (A) USUN 1341; (B) STATE 102309

1. SUMMARY: U.S. DELEGATION EFFORTS TO AVOID VOTE ON
SUBJECT RESOLUTION WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. RESOLUTION WAS APP-
ROVED 36-4(US)-7. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B, U.S.
DELEGATION MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO DISSUADE THE CO-SPON-
SORS OF SUBJECT RESOLUTION FROM PUSHING IT TO A VOTE.
AGAIN, AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) WAS VERY HELPFUL,
AND WITH HIS ASSISTANCE WE CONVINCED THE CO-SPONSORS TO
MEET ON MAY 5 TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION. ALTHOUGH THE
U.S. DELEGATION WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS MEETING, WE ARE
RELIABLY INFORMED THAT AT THE INITIAL FORMAL SESSION THE
CO-SPONSORS AGREED NOT, REPEAT NOT, TO PUSH THE RESOLUTION
TO A VOTE. HOWEVER, AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE CO-SPONSORS
THIS DECISION WAS REVERSED. (MISSION UNABLE TO IDENTIFY
COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE). UPON HIS RETURN FROM
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GUATEMALA, AMBASSADOR YOUNG ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT KEY PER-
MANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DID MEET WITH A GROUP OF THE CO-
SPONSORS IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THE RESOLUTION
WAS INAPPROPRIATE IN TERMS OF BOTH SUBSTANCE AND

TIMING.

3. AT THE MAY 6 MORNING SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, U.S. DELEGATION FIRST SOUGHT MORE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS. WHEN THAT DEADLINE RAN OUT, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO ECOSOC FOR ACTION. IN THIS REGARD HE EMPHASIZED THAT HITHERTO THE COMMISSION HAD OPERATED ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS AND RECALLED THAT AT ITS SECOND SESSION THE COMMISSION HAD REFERRED A U.S. PROPOSAL (ILLICIT PAYMENTS) TO ECOSOC). THE U.S. PROPOSAL WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF 7 (US)-29-7.

4. THE RESOLUTION AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL A WAS THEN APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 36-4 (FRANCE, FRG, UK, US)-7 (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, AND SWEDEN). IN SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EMPHASIZED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTION BUT HAD DOUBTS THAT THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS WERE EITHER APPROPRIATE OR HELPFUL. THE U.S. DELEGATE DREW ON POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B IN HIS EXPLANATION OF VOTE.
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